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With a couple of warm days upon us, and everyone trying to get out and enjoy some sun, please keep in mind the need to social distance. Try not to stop and talk with others without maintaining distances. Call them later and talk. Some experts are indicating that things might start leveling off. Now is not the time to let our guards down. April is the month that we, as a community, defeat this round of Covid-19. By continuing to isolate, keep distances and stay healthy; we can make a difference.

As many already know, a red heart is a symbol of support and appreciation for doctors, nurses, paramedics and others in healthcare. They are the heroes that are on the front lines in the fight against this pandemic. I have seen firsthand, following the line of duty deaths of police officers over the last few years, the tremendous displays of encouragement and appreciation from our community for law enforcement. Now is our time to make sure all healthcare providers feel that same pride and support.

Please, if you haven't already, hang a red heart in a window, on a doorway or in your yard. As our doctors and nurses leave their families and are heading off to work night and day, how amazing would it be for them to see the massive amounts of appreciation, support and respect we have for them.

The beaches in Scituate will remain open and the Widows Walk Golf Course has been opened to walkers (sorry no pets), as long as people continue to maintain distancing. Stay on the cart paths.

We appreciate parent's efforts to corral their teenagers. We have seen a marked difference since last week. Please keep those efforts ongoing. Everyone needs to keep doing what we are doing for the entire month of April to have significant results. Let's kick Covid-19 out of town, then we work on ways to keep it gone.

We all see the increased presence of pedestrians. Pay attention driving. Handheld cellphone use while driving is illegal. Distracted driving could have very dangerous consequences.

Stay safe, stay healthy. On behalf of the Scituate Police Department, Chief Mike Stewart